

BLIZZARD BAG IDEAS

With both Punxsutawney Phil and the calendar showing spring to be weeks away, it's time to beef up those blizzard bags. Below you'll find ideas for online activities available at no charge through INFOhio.

Note: While you automatically have access to these tools within your school building, you will need a username and password for home access. Please check with your school librarian or request online at <http://www.infohio.org/getpassword>.

Grades K-2

- In addition to a wealth of "Print and Do" activities that you can add to a physical Blizzard Bag, [World Book's Early World of Learning](#) provides students with links for online activities. It also offers a quiz feature that lets you assign quizzes to an entire class or individual students and track their progress.
- Assign a simple science experiment such as "[Stay Dry Underwater](#)," available through [Searchasaurus](#). Or find another activity by entering "science" in the search box on the Searchasaurus home page and limiting the Lexile range to 200-400.

Grades 3-5

- Rely on the Know It section within the [Early World of Learning](#) to help students develop argumentative writing skills. Assign one of the subject areas, and then ask students to write a paragraph supporting a claim that uses evidence from the text. For example, assign My Body, and ask students to read each of the entries. Then, have them choose the part of the body they think is most important and support their claim with facts and evidence from their text. Or have them just read an entry and then create a chart with the main idea and the evidence that support sit. (For example, Staying Well—Main Idea: Taking care of your body is important. Evidence: You need food, water, etc to stay healthy.)
- [LearningExpress Library 3.0](#) provides online reading and math practice. By assigning students a username and password, teachers can track their progress. Go to LearningExpress Library 3.0, scroll through the banner images to find School Center, and then click Elementary School to see the topics covered.

Grades 6-8

- Try the [Exploring the Arctic and Antarctica](#) lesson plan from World Book.
- Parts of the [Segregation](#) lesson plan by World Book apply to individual work at home.
- Use the [Digital Video Collection](#). You can have your students stream a video, or download the file to their flash drives for later viewing. Many of the series—such as Bill Nye the Science Guy, My School My Responsibility, and a History of Civil Rights in

America—include Teacher’s Guides or quizzes to help design at home activities.

- [LearningExpress Library 3.0](#) provides online reading, writing, vocabulary, social studies, and math practice. By assigning students a username and password, teachers can track their progress. Go to LearningExpress Library 3.0, scroll through the banner images to find School Center, and then click Middle School to see the topics covered.

Grades 9-12

- [Points of View Reference Center](#)—which includes topics pertinent to science and technology, ELA, social studies, the arts, sports and health, and family issues—is tailor made for home use. Pick any of the topics and then choose an activity recommended in the Guide to Critical Analysis for that topic. (Click any topic from the main Points of View Reference Center page. The Point, Counterpoint, and Guide to Critical Analysis are linked from the right hand side of the screen.)
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